GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF WATERWAYS
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether ten major waterways were identified for the development by the National Transport Policy Committee in 1980;

(b) if so, the progress made by the Government in developing these waterways so far;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up monitoring Committee for proper development of these waterways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to develop waterways as per schedule?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far three waterways have been declared as National Waterways viz. the Ganga from Allahabad to Haldia (1620 Kms) National Waterway No.1, the Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya (891 Kms) National Waterway No.2 and the West Coast Canal along with Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals (205 Kms) Natioanal Waterway No.3 and their phased development depending on allocation of resources, is in progress. The Government during the Tenth Plan is working for declaring more waterways from out of those identified by the National Transport Committee as national waterways subject to availability of resources.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Government set up the Inland Waterways Authority of India in 1985 to develop and regulate the national waterways, Various schemes for provision of infrastructure in these Waterways are in progress. Feasibility Studies regarding new waterways are also undertaken from time to time.